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Marne Soldiers partner to help save comrade

Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk 4th IBCT Public Affairs

Third Infantry Division and Fort Stewart-based Soldiers teamed up in an effort to help save the life of a fellow comrade here, April 7-8.

After being informed of a 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Soldier's recent diagnosis with leukemia, the Vanguard Brigade hosted a bone marrow drive at Stewart with the hope of finding a close-match donor for the Troop in need of a bone marrow transplant.

"Hopefully, today we'll positively identify somebody as a match," said

Maj. David R. Stewart, 3/7 Inf. executive officer, after providing his DNA specimen to be shipped to the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Bone Marrow Center located in Washington, D.C., for tissue typing.

Stewart and other potential donors completed a personal information and consent form and provided four cheek swab samples to the DoD Bone Marrow Center's laboratory, which will indicate whether the patient and donor have a near-identical white blood cell type known as Human Leukocyte Antigen. If an HLA match is found, the donor is further assessed by medical professionals prior to donating his or her bone marrow.

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Brookstone students visit 3HBCT

Spc. Ben Hutto

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3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. - Second graders from the Brookstone Secondary School in Columbus, Ga., were given a tour of Kelley Hill, the home of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, at Fort Benning, April 3.

Soldiers assigned to the 203rd Brigade Support Battalion escorted the students and allowed them to experience the daily life of a Soldier.

"I think we enjoyed it more than they did," said Staff Sgt. Willie Holmes,

the operations noncommissioned $of ficer of the 203 rd\,BSB's Head quarters$ and Headquarters' Company. "They were a great bunch. We enjoyed having them out here."

The 203rd BSB Soldiers let the children talk on radios, try on some of their equipment, and demonstrated how Army medics load patients into Stryker medical vehicles.

"We took them for a ride in our Strykers, but I think they enjoyed putting on our helmets and goggles more than anything," said Holmes. "They're little kids, so as long as you can keep them busy, they'll have fun."

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1/9 FA Soldiers keep tradition alive

Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley

2nd Brigade Combat Team

On July 1, 1916 at the Scholfield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii, the 9th Field Artillery Regiment became the first completely motorized artillery unit in the world and the only U.S. artillery unit organized overseas.

The new regiments' motto, "Kuli-I-Ka-Nuu," which in Hawaiian means "strive to reach the summit." reflected the regiment's eagerness to be successful and also showed its dedication to its Hawaiian birth-

More than 90 years later, Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade

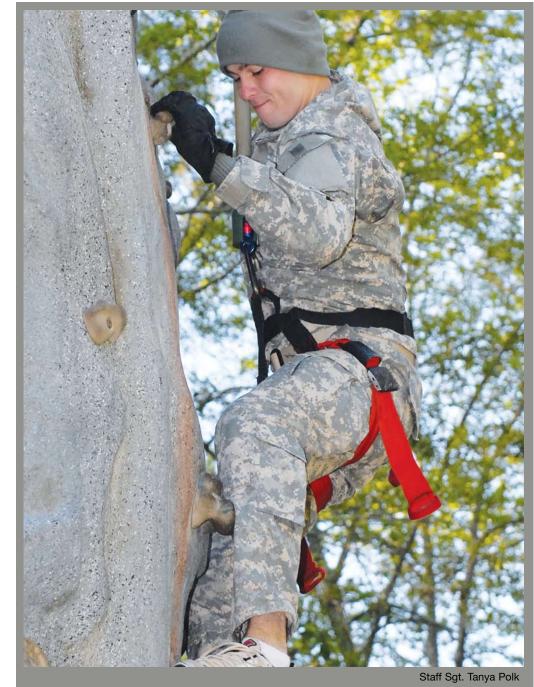
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Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, honored their Hawaiian roots during a weapon-naming ceremony, April 9, at 1/9 FA motor pool.

The Battle Kings started training with the M109A6 Paladin Howitzer in the fall of 2008.

"We started training on the weapons back in September, and by October all section chiefs were certified on the machine," said Maj. Michael Kays, 1/9 FA operations officer. "They passed their knowledge and experience down to the Soldiers during the FTX [field training exercise] and live fire-event until we were eventually having whole platoons fire at Table 12," Kays

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3/15 Inf. Soldiers quest for adventure

Private First Class Daniel Britton, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 4th IBCT, tests his strength on the rock climbing wall April 8 at Fort Stewart's Warrior Adventure Quest.

Sailors get a closer look at Marne Life

Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley 2nd BCT Public Affairs

An Army lieutenant colonel and a Navy captain sit over a hot cup of coffee during a break from training at Joint Forces Staff College. As they sip, they laugh, joke and talk about their careers.

The officers' conversation takes an interesting turn as they began to ponder how great it would be to stay in touch after training at the college and implement a plan to have their Soldiers and Sailors visit each other's working area periodically,

educating both sets of troops jointly. Eighteen months later, 3rd Squadron,

7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division commander, Lt. Col. Clark Lindner watched as he and his friend's plan became reality.

On April 8, Lindner and 3/7 Cav. Soldiers hosted Navy Sailors from USS Georgia from King's Bay, Ga., at Fort Stewart, showing them what it means to be a Soldier.

The Sailors began their day with a brief 3/7 Cav. history lesson from Lindner, soon followed by a visit to 3/7 Cav.'s motor

pool. There, Soldiers showed Sailors a static display consisting of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, a humvee, and a mortar track carrier.

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Couple stays with Sledgehammers, stays Army Strong together

Captain Joan Hollien, the commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, recites the oath of reenlistment to Spc. Bradley Tollberg, a scout in the 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd HBCT and his wife, Spc. Sadie Tollberg, the nuclear, biological and chemical clerk for HHT, BSTB, during a reenlistment ceremony beside the 3rd HBCT's headquarters at Kelley Hill, on Fort Benning, Ga., April 9. The couple reenlisted to stay at Fort Benning four more years. See story on page 12A.

e Great MWR Yard Sa 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 18 **Fort Stewart & Hunter Army Airfield** See related story on page 7A

Survive a fire: Plan your escape today

Installation Safety Office

Anyone who has lived through a fire will tell you what a terrifying experience it is. Unfortunately, many people who experience fire never get a chance to tell their story - to warn others of the dangers of fire.

Take a few minutes with your Family to make a fire escape plan by following the nine simple instructions listed below. Every household must have a fire escape plan and a working smoke alarm to help ensure survival in a fire.

1. Draw a floor plan of your home

Use a grid to draw a floor plan of your home. You should draw a floor plan for each floor of your home. 2. Include all possible emergency

Draw in all walls, doors, windows and stairs. This will show you and your Family all possible escape routes at a glance.

3. Include any important features that could help with your escape

Doors and windows are escape exits from your home. However you must make sure that all escape routes are practical and usable.

4. Mark two escape routes from each room

There is a main exit from every room. This will be the exit to use if there is no apparent danger. If you are unable to use the main exit because of smoke or fire, you must have an alternate exit. The second exit is usually the window. Special consideration should be given to planning escape routes from the bedrooms as most fires occur at right when everyone is sleeping. This second exit must be practical and easy to use. Make sure that the occupant of that bedroom is able to use the second exit.

5. Remember that some people may need help to escape

Decide in advance who will assist the very young, elderly or physically challenged members of your household. A few minutes of planning will save valuable seconds in a real emergency.

6. Choose a place outside where everyone will meet

Choose a meeting place that everyone will remember. It is a good idea to choose a spot at the front of your home or close to your neighbor's house. Everyone must know to go directly to this meeting place so they can be accounted for. No one should go back into a burning building for any

7. Call the fire department from a neighbor's home

Once at the meeting place, someone can be sent to the neighbor's home to call the fire department. Include the neighbor's name and the fire department phone number on your plan. Mark the street address of your home on your fire escape plan.

8. Make sure everyone is familiar with the home escape plan

Go over the entire plan with everyone. Discuss primary and secondary escape routes from each bedroom. Walk through the escape routes for each room with the entire Family. Use this walk-through exercise to check your escape routes, making sure all exits are practical and easy to use. It is important that all windows will open and that no heavy furniture blocks any escape route.

9. Practice your escape plan

After reviewing the floor plan with the members of your household, have an actual practice to ensure that everyone knows what to do. Practice your escape plan every six months. In a real fire, you must react without hesitation as your escape routes may be quickly blocked by smoke or flames. Your practice drills will ensure that everyone knows what to do when fire strikes.

For more information on fire safety, contact the Safety Office on Fort Stewart at 767-9441 or on Hunter Army Airfield at 315-5814.

260th Quartermaster Battalion conducts Safety Day

Nancy Gould Public Affairs

It was a perfect warm. breezy day for Soldiers to get hands-on safety training and prepare for '100 Days of Summer Safety' at Hunter Army Airfield's Squires

Nancy Gould

Specialist Zachary Evens, 512th QM Co., 260th QM Bn, practices using a fire extinguisher in a Safety Day exercise presented by fire inspectors with Stewart-Hunter Fire and Emergency Services

Sports Complex Parking Lot from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., April

The Safety Day event completed a week of quarterly training for the 260th Quartermaster Battalion - most of it in the classroom, according to Chief Officer Robert

> Haseman, the battalion's safety officer who helped orchestrate the

> "We've spent the entire week counseling high-risk Soldiers about safety," Haseman said.

He said that highrisk Soldiers are primarily young Soldiers new to the Army who need to realize how serious the Army takes both small and large safety

New and experienced Soldiers looked forward to the outdoor training and seeing some new summer demonstrations. Soldiers rotated through the stations scattered around the parking lot; many huddled around wildlife biologists from Fort Stewart's Fish

The group brought

Retirees, and Army Civilians are encouraged to attend.

snakes, turtles and a small alligator to show off the community's non-poisonous wildlife. They talked with Soldiers about poisonous snakes, insects and plants in the area and showed photos of the ones to avoid when hiking in wooded areas during the summer. They also explained how to survive poisonous bites from indigenous snakes and insects and how to minimize the effects of contact with poisonous plants.

Soldiers also gathered around Staff Sgt. David Jenkins, Headquarters Headquarters Detachment, 260th QM, a kayaking and boating enthusiast, who briefed Soldiers on water safety. When Coast Guard representatives cancelled their visit to perform a real-life rescue mission, Jenkins stepped in to share his own boating experiences. He borrowed a boat from Hunter Outdoor Recreation and used it to demonstrate how to operate it safely on the water. explained how Soldiers can rent boats and equipment from Outdoor Recreation after completing the facility's Saturday boating safety class and told them about Lotts Island, located on post, and its close proximity to the Forrest River.

"I gave them some basic

information," said Jenkins. "The last thing we need is for our Soldiers to go out on the water unprepared."

A fire and electrical safety demonstration was performed by Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Fire and Emergency Services, reinforcing a command-wide fire safety campaign to raise awareness and provide guidance to Soldiers and Families on how to recognize, improve and practice fire safety. Don Warrick, a fire inspector at Hunter, had Soldiers put out fires with an extinguisher and become familiar with how to use it.

He told them that the leading cause of fire in military housing is unattended ovens and toast-

"Pop tarts are combustible," he said. "Toaster have started

Warrick also discussed electrical safety and the importance of surge protectors.

"You should never overload an outlet with extension cords," he said, adding that it overheats circuits and starts fires. He also emphasized the importance of smoke detectors.

"It was a good refresher," said Spc. Zachary Evens, 512 QM Company, 260th QM.

interactive drug and alcohol demonstrationbytheRichmond Hill Police Department and fire hose relays hosted by the Port Wentworth Fire Department.

Honda Motorcycle representatives gave a safety class and displayed its newer model motorcycles, along with an array of safety gear that should be worn while riding during the summer and winter. Haseman was pleased with

Soldiers throughout the morning but saw areas that he wants to expand and improve on next "One change is to have addi-

the information given to

tional stations with shorter instructional times at each Other changes may also be

incorporated into next year's Safety Day event after Haseman meets with the battalion safety council. He said that every year the group brainstorms to find the most effective ways to teach Soldiers safety.

He hopes the week of safety instruction will yield high dividends for the future, especially where summer safety is con-

"Today everyone got to visit the stations, relax and eat barbecue outside," he said. "It was Other exhibits included an a good way to end the week."

Safety Tips from the American Red Cross

School will soon be out, pools will open and people across the country will be looking for fun ways to cool down as summer temperatures heat up. As you head to the beach, to the pool or to the mountains for a camping vacation, the American Red Cross encourages you and your Family to keep safety in mind.

Water Safety - The Red Cross is brimming with water safety tips to keep your Family safe this summer. The most basic - learn to swim. Take some lessons at your local pool. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim. And always swim with a buddy; never swim alone.

The American Red Cross has swimming courses for people of any age and swimming ability. To enroll in a swim course, contact your local Red Cross chapter. Remember, swim in supervised areas only; obey all rules and posted signs; don't mix alcohol and swimming. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance, and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills, and reduces your body's ability to stay warm.

Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts. Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather.

Boating Safety - Whether you're the captain of a schooner or a passenger on a ski boat, following safety guidelines ensures your safety and that of other seafarers. Be weather wise: sudden wind shifts, lightning flashes and choppy water can all mean a storm is brewing. Bring a portable radio to check weather reports. Bring extra gear you may need: a flashlight, extra batteries, matches, a map of where you are, flares, sun tan lotion, first aid kit, extra sunglasses. Put those that need to be protected in a watertight pouch or a container that floats. Tell someone where you're going, who is with you, and how long you'll be away. Then check your boat, equipment, boat balance, engine and fuel supply before leaving.

Sun Safety - Summer means fun in the sun! But be safe — don't let a heat-related illness ruin your day.

Always drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks when working or playing in the hot weather. Remember to apply sunscreen frequently.

Hiking and Camping Safety - Many Families will head to our national parks and forests this summer to enjoy the great outdoors. But if you're not prepared to rough it in the woods, hiking or camping can be a rough experience. The best way to help guarantee a good time for all is to plan ahead carefully and follow commonsense safety precautions.

For additional safety information, go to: www2.redcross.org/services/hss/sumsafety/

To find out about American Red Cross classes and services, contact your local chapter:

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NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY 2009



Third Infantry Division Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, has proclaimed April 16, to be National Healthcare Decisions Day at Fort Stewart. In honor of National Healthcare Decisions Day, your local Office of the Staff Judge Advocate as well as Winn Army Community Hospital Patient Affairs Division and the Medical Evaluation Board Outreach Legal Office are partnering to provide you with the opportunity to learn about, discuss and decide upon healthcare options you would want in advance of a catastrophic illness or injury. The Patient Affairs Division will be providing blood pressure screenings, glucose screenings, and cholesterol screenings. The event will take place at the Fort Stewart Army Education Center located at 100 Knowledge Drive on Fort Stewart, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m, today. Soldiers, Family Members,

> For more information, please call the Legal Assistance office: Fort Stewart building 621-767-8809/8819 or Hunter Army Airfield, building 1211-314-5115

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Stewart-Hunter children 'hunt' for a good time

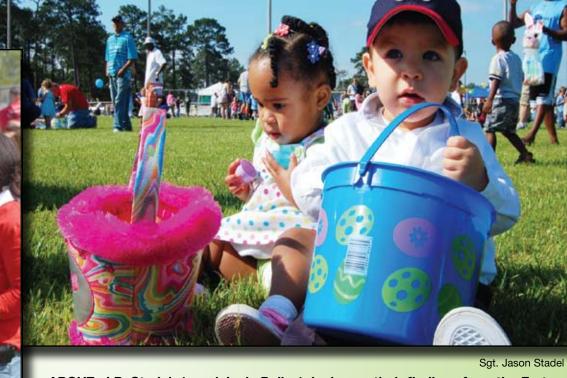
See page 1B for story on Fort Stewart's Easter Egg Hunt





One-year-old Kalani Saria picks up eggs at the Hunter Army Airfield Easter Egg Hunt with other children ages 0 to 4, her designated age group for the event, at Hunter's Child Development Center, April 11. "This is all new to her," said her mother Yevette Saria. "She's having a ball."

Twan Pouncey, 5, meets with the Easter Bunny during Fort Stewart's Easter festivities, April 11. Volunteers and staff helped to create over 50,000 eggs for the more than 900 children who attended the event.



ABOVE: J.B. Stadel, 1, and Jaela Polk, 1, look over their findings from the Fort Stewart Easter Egg Hunt, April 11. Activities at the Hunt included games, crafts, inflatable structures for children to play on, face painting, and the chance to meet the Easter Bunny and McGruff the Crime Dog.

Spc. Michael Adams

LEFT: Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, Fort Stewart's garrison command sergeant major, and his grandson, Kwanell Ware, 1, collect eggs during the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Fort Stewart, April 11.



Barrack's Life: Friends help Soldiers in nee

Spc. Michael Adams

3rd Infantry Divison Public Affairs

After being in the field for a week not too long ago, I spent Saturday being very lazy. I spent most of the weekend sleeping or watching DVDs. Sunday morning a friend called me and wanted to hang out. I didn't know if I wanted to, I was still very tired, and didn't want to go out with physical training the next morning. Despite my objections, he convinced me to head over to his place.

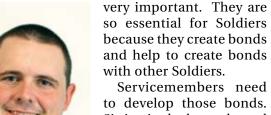
We went to have lunch and then hung out and just talked. We talked about everything: our problems, our lives, our jobs. It was a great way to spend a Sunday. It also would have been better than me sitting around my barracks, which I probably would have done that day had he not called.

Since then, we have become very good friends. We have talked a lot, discussing what helps us deal with the stress of our personal and professional lives.

I have realized that cameraderie is what the Army is all about. It is why people make careers out of the military -- the together-

ness, the common purpose and satisfaction Soldiers get out of serving their country together. In my time in the Army, I have

developed several friendships that I rarely found when I was a civilian. Those friendships Soldiers create are



to develop those bonds. Sitting in the barracks and avoiding socializing is unhealthy; moreover, meeting new people and getting to know them helps to expand a Soldier's

network. That network can help you when you need them the most, and you'll find it can be rewarding to do the same for people when they need

Being away from home, it is critical for Soldiers to meet new people and to develop new friendships. Those bonds will make it easier for Soldiers to thrive in the Army environment.

Especially in an era when deployments and frequent changes of station are commonplace, Soldiers we don't get familiar or comfortable with our surroundings long before we leave them. Having a Battle Buddy who you know well will help you get through the difficulty of the deployment-redeployment-reset cycle. Most importantly, friends help us get home safely.

So don't sit around your barracks alone. Get out and meet Soldiers. Get a Battle Buddy, someone you can talk to and that will help you get through the day-to-day grind of the Army and life. And help them too. Together, you can make the most out of what the Army has to offer.

Speed limits lowered for 41st IBCT mobilization

Randy Murray

Public Affairs Specialist

An increase in safety awareness was stressed for the upcoming mobilization of the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team from the Oregon National Guard during a safety briefing for U.S. Army Garrison personnel at Fort Stewart's Woodruff Theater, April 14.

Chris McCormick, installation safety officer, noted that the Directorate of Emergency Services was lowering the speed limit on Georgia Highways 144 and 119 to 45 mph beginning May 2 until further notice, in response to the expected increase in traffic in training areas.

Scott Armbrister, director for the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, stressed there will be about 3,000 additional Soldiers from the 41st IBCT training at Fort Stewart during a time when the entire 3rd Infantry Division is home and training for its own upcoming deployment. Armbrister reminded garrison personnel the increase

in vehicle and pedestrian traffic in training areas and in the cantonment area increases safety hazards. In addition to traffic hazards from the increase in military vehicles, including 100 tracked vehicles, McCormick emphasized the weather conditions during the mobilization period could increase the possibility of heat injuries for Soldiers mobilizing from Oregon for training in Coastal Georgia. He also said five million rounds of ammunition will be fired during livefire training, noting that first-line supervisors must be vigilant in enforcing safety standards, to include wearing all safety equipment.

McCormick said many of the safety risks are obvious but added that safety is everyone's responsibility, so anyone seeing any safety violation or unsafe conditions on the installation is encouraged to contact the Installation Safety Office at

DES conduct traffic enforcement operations, both on the highway and tank trails, he said. Unsafe drivers can be reported to the desk sergeant at 767-4895.



Keep children safe: Vehicle rollaway can be avoided

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Problem: With the key in the ignition, automatic transmissions may be shifted out of "Park" even if the vehicle's engine is off and the driver's foot is not on the brake. If you leave the key in the ignition and turned to the accessory mode (to listen to the radio, open/close the windows, etc.), your vehicle's automatic transmission may be shifted out of "Park" if you or a child moves the gear selec-

If you leave a child alone in a motor vehicle, whether the engine running or not, it doesn't take long for a child to unintentionally set your car in

Prevention Tips:

- Teach children not to play in or around cars.
- · Supervise children carefully when in and
- Keep vehicle locked when unattended.
- Never leave keys in the car.
- Engage your emergency brake every time you
- Verify whether or not your vehicle has a Brake Transmission Safety Interlock. Read the owner's manual or check HERE to find BTSI-equipped

What you need to know, now:

• When the vehicle is set in motion, children may become scared and jump out of the vehicle, only to be injured or run over. They can also be

hurt inside the vehicle, especially if they are unbelted and the vehicle is in motion. Sometimes, the vehicle may end up running over someone

· Many vehicles today have a BTSI, which is a safety technology intended to prevent children from accidentally putting a vehicle into gear.

· All vehicles with automatic transmission with a "Park" position, manufactured for sale after Sept. 1, 2010, must have BTSI.

For more information on highway and traffic safety, visit www.nhtsa.gov.

Editor's Note: This is part of a six-week series on vehicle safety for children. Next week: Seatbelt entanglement



April 16 and 24 • Fort Stewart Furniture store parking lot (building 419) April 17 and 23 • Across the street from the Hunter Fitness Center

All unwanted and used items such as: bicycles, grills, clothing, kitchen appliances, furniture, E-waste, newspapers, hazardous waste (used oil, old paint, fluorescent light bulbs, lithium batteries)

For additional information, please contact Johnny Davis 767-6573 or Ronald King 767-8880

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Marne Voices Speak Out

Marne Voice asks military children from Kessler Elementary School: What do you like most about moving so often?

friends. You meet more people than regular kids do."

"You get to meet a lot of new

DeAndre Lewis



There are not a lot of places where you could get hurt and there are not a lot of robberies."

Jacob Weatherbee



Cyara Rhein



'You can move to another country and learn another language. I know Filipino and a little Korean."

Rochelle Meneses

"I get to do a lot more things. We move more places than lots of people. You can move to lots of countries and see more cultures."

Christopher McMann





3RD INFANTRY DIVISION COMMANDER MAJ. GEN. TONY CUCOLO

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"I get to meet new people. I get to see new places and learn about them."

Terrell Hill Jr.

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Imre Weitzner, Jr, takes a photo at Warriors Walk at Fort Stewart, April 10. Weitzner visited the installation with his Family to show them how the Camp Stewart of his youth has changed since 1943. He said he was pleased to find it has evolved into one of the Army's premier facilities.

Former Camp Stewart resident re-lives his youth during visit

Pat Young Community Relations

Nearly 65 years have passed since Imre Weitzner, Jr. was a child playing on the dusty streets of Camp Stewart in 1943, but he wanted to re-visit the

site where he watched his father, Mai. Imre Weitzner, Sr., take care of Soldiers as a radiologist.

He brough his Family with him to help celebrate he and his wife's birthdays, and their visit included a stop at the Fort Stewart Museum, a visit to

Fort Stewart Museum Director Walter W. Meeks III (center) accepts a photo and hat of Maj. Imre Weitzner Sr., who served at Camp Stewart in 1943 at the area hospital, from his son, Dr. Imre Weitzner, Jr., at the installation museum, April 9. Weitzner was accompanied by his Family (left to right) Richard Fernandez, Nicole Weitzner, Nympha Weitzner, Michael Weitzner, Vivian Weitzner, Miguel Pavon, and Christine Weitzner.

Winn Army Community Hospital and found in the pediatrics section, a stop at Warriors Walk.

Weitzner wanted to visit the museum first to donate his father's service hat and a photo, and to contribute information to museum director Walter W. Meeks III about the installation in its infancy.

Noting the many changes on the installation, the most obvious to him are those in medical care. Following in his father's footsteps, Weitzner also became a radiologist, and during his visit to Winn, noted the drastic transformation.

Linda King, Patient Advocate at Winn, showed Weitzner that treatment extends beyond medical care and includes efforts to make patients comfortable too. Aside from state-ofthe-art equipment such as their magnetic resonance imaging, which is used primarily by radiologists to see the internal structure and function of the body, Weitzner said the highlights at Winn included the artistic displays

including a buccaneer-themed play

It is quite a change from his father's day, when Weitzner said a patient could see the ground through the wooden flooring.

He said he recognized some facilities around post, including the Corkan Gym, which was built by German prisoners of war in the early 1940s.

But, Weitzner said, even that building has changed dramatically; instead of a gym, now it was part of the Corkan Family Recreation Area, housing a skating rink, laser tag center, climbing wall, snack bar and popular video games. Weitzner said the changes since he was a child are incredible.

Prior to leaving, Weitzner and his Family visited Warriors Walk and commented on how the sacred ground was a truly moving experience to be remembered. He said he was happy to visit Stewart again and is proud of our U.S. servicemembers.



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Home Schooling Support Group Meeting @ HAAF 22 Apr., 11 a.m. - School Age Services/Youth Center, Bldg 1289

Great opportunity for networking /information; for parents who are currently homeschooling and parents who may be considering homeschooling. 315-6586

Military Children Celebrate Earth Day 2009 @ FS Library

22 Apr., 3:30 p.m. - George P. Hays Library, Bldg 411 Children will enjoy a special presentation for Earth Day. 767-2828

Scholastic Book Fair @ HAAF

23 Apr-1 May, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Child Development Center, Bldg 1284 Reading and other developmental materials (pre-school to grade 3) available for purchase from Scholastic, world's largest publisher/distributor of children's books and leader in educational technology and children's media. CDC Center benefits from sale of the books. Open to all DoD ID cardholders. 315-6115

Young Adult Book Club Meeting @ FS Library

23 Apr., 6-7 p.m. - George P. Hays Library, Bldg 411 Come and join new Young Adults (ages 13-18) book club. Receive book to read each month, book discussion, games and brainstorm ideas for future projects. 767-2828

CDC Character Garden @ HAAF

24 Apr., 3:30 p.m. - Child Development Center, Bldg 1284 Community invited to participate in planting a Character Garden to celebrate the "Month of the Military Child" and build esteem. 315-6115

Cycle-Rama @ HAAF

25 Apr., 11 a.m. - Tominac Fitness Center, Bldg 919

Free bicycle safety checks provided till noon by Savannah Bicycle Link with equipment and gear on display. At noon, group bicycle ride leaves fitness center and transits to N. Perimeter Road. Bikers may ride as much or as little as they desire around Hunter via Perimeter Road or around obstacle course set up for children. All DoD ID cardholders and guests invited. No charge. For details and register for safety check, call 315-2019.

Tweenie Night @ Corkan Recreation

25 Apr., 6-10 p.m. - Corkan Family Fun Center, Bldg 449 Too old for baby stuff and too young for teen stuff? Corkan offers "Tweenie Night" for those (ages 8-12) to join all the fun. Cost \$20 for 4 hours (includes unlimited laser tag, roller skating). 767-9884

Pre-Teen Lock-In @ FS

25-26 Apr., 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. - FS Youth Center, Bldg 7338 All pre-teens (grades 6-7) invited to come out and have a night full of laughter and fun. Food, prizes and tournaments. Cost \$15. Details, call 767-4491.

Parent/Child Picnic @ HAAF

30 Apr., 3-5:30 p.m. - Child Development Center, Bldg 1284 In celebration of the special month-long observance of "Month of the Military Child," the CDC at Hunter will have a Parent/Child Picnic that will include face-painting, a petting zoo and music, along with hot dogs and hamburgers. Details, call 315-6115.

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Education Matters

Free Certification available to Soldiers

The pilot Army Vocational/Technical Soldier Program will fund up to \$4,500 for Soldiers to enroll in non-college degree courses that teach skills tailored for jobs in today's most in-demand career fields and take certification and licensure exams related to those professions. Soldiers, officers and Wounded Warriors serving on active duty, to include National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on extended active duty, may acquire technical, vocational, or advanced training and re-training.

Several hundred courses are offered for both in-class and on-line programs but must be selected from the schools listed at https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/VOTEC_Program.html and cannot exceed 18 months. New schools and programs are added weekly. In addition, Soldiers can use the AVOTEC Program to pay for certification/licensure. Click on the Army Credentialing Opportunities Online website, https://www.cool.army.mil, to determine the kind of certification & licensing options available to Soldiers.

This exciting program is available through Sept. 30, or until the \$19 million allocated funds are exhausted. Those interested in participating will find all information and enrollment steps at the Web site above. Soldiers must have an active account in GoArmyEd to enroll in AVOTEC. Contact your local Army Education Center for access to the GoArmyEd Portal. The AVOTEC Program may be utilized in conjunction with traditional TA, but the combined cost of both programs cannot exceed \$4,500.

Interested Soldiers and Officers must enroll in courses prior to separating from the Army.

SFAC offers education assistance

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith and Hunter Army Airfield Education Centers are supporting our Warriors in Transition by offering accelerated daytime college courses. The classes are being conducted by Central Texas College. To enroll, Warriors must have an account on the GoArmyEd portal. Soldiers attached to Fort Stewart's Warrior Transition Unit can now receive educational and college program advice from their new guidance counselor, Janeen Rosenberg. She is located in the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, at 777 E. 10th St., or call 767-3328. Warriors at Hunter may see Fay Ward, education center counselor, at building 1290; 767-8331.

Transition to Teachers sessions slated

The Georgia Troops to Teachers Program provides federal funding to qualified service members of up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Bill Kirkland conducts monthly Transition to Teaching 90-minute classes that consist of an overview of programs, registration procedures and Georgia teacher certification options.

This includes the Georgia Teacher Alternative Preparation Program. GeorgiaTAPP is a two-year program that allows those with bachelor degrees to teach and certify at the same time. All military spouses are invited, but they must register with the Military OneSource Center to be provided any financial support. The briefing begins at 10 a.m.

and is held at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. Scheduled sessions are April 22, May 20 and June 17. Call 1-800-745-0709 for more information. The official website is www.tttga.net.

Seminar offered

The Liberty Center Director of Teacher Education Program will conduct Georgia teacher certification seminars focusing on the Armstrong Atlantic State University master of arts in teaching program.

The M.A.T. allows those eligible individuals to pursue a graduate degree and obtain initial teacher certification in Georgia. The monthly sessions are held at 5 p.m. at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100. Seminars are scheduled for April 22, May 20 and June 17. For more information, please contact Don Stumpf, Director of Teacher Education Programs at 877-1910 or e-mail Don.Stumpf@armstrong.edu.

Scholarship opportunities offered

The ThanksUSA Scholarship Program plans to award 500 scholarships for \$3,000 each this year. Only the first 10,000 applications received will be processed. All dependent children, age 24 and under (as of the May 15 application deadline), and all spouses of active-duty U.S. military service personnel are eligible to apply. Applicants must plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, vocational school or technical school. For information and to download the guidelines and application, go to www.thanksusa.org/main/scholarships.html. The application deadline is May 15, 2009.

Webster offers opportunities to alumni

Webster University has created the Professional Enrichment Scholarship for Alumni (PESA) in response to the current economic situation by lowering the cost of graduate degree programs as much as 50 percent. The scholarship is for those who graduated from Webster in May 2008 or earlier and are interested in a Sequential (second) Masters degree. Frequently asked questions can be found at http://www.webster.edu/pesa/faq.shtml. Also, Webster University is forming a Delta Mu Delta Honor Society for Management and Leadership and MBA graduates. Students must have final GPA of 3.95, or above. For more information please go to www.deltamudelta.org/.

For additional information on these programs, contact and contact Dan Duggan at Stewart, 876-8080 or Marsha Sands at Hunter, 354-0033. Webster University (www.webster.edu/fts) was listed as one of the top ten colleges for adults on MSN.com.

Savannah Tech info sessions open

Savannah Technical College is offering weekly information sessions to explain its college/certificate/diploma programs and the HOPE/PELL grants. The college representatives will highlight a different program of study at 2 p.m., every other Tuesday in room 206, building 100, Fort Stewart. The next meeting on April 21 will detail the Auto Collision Repair Diploma offered at the Savannah

campus

Of special interest to Family Members may be the recently introduced Technical Communication Specialist certificate, which enables much of the curriculum to transfer to area colleges. Many required courses for Savannah Tech's programs are taught at the Sgt.1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. For more information, go to www.savannahtech.edu and www.gsfc.org or call 408-2430 at Stewart. You may also contact the Savannah Tech Campus in Hinesville at 408-3024 or in Savannah, 443-5700.

E-mail counselor support available

Need to reach an Army education counselor? Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield education centers offer a one-stop e-mail address to help. Just contact them via e-mail at *stewcounselor@conus. army.mil*.

CLEP, DANTES exams available

College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are available on post. Call Columbia College at 877-3406 for more information and testing dates. The exams are free for military personnel. CLEP tests are \$90 and DSSTs are \$100 for non-military examinees.

Free test prep software available

Members of military Families or veterans interested in receiving free SAT/ACT PowerPrepTM software should visit www.eknowledge.com/military.

Over the past three years, eKnowledge Corporation and a handful of patriotic National Football League players have donated and delivered more than 100,000 SAT/ACT test prep programs normally priced at \$200, free to military Families worldwide. The total value of the donation is now over \$20 million.

This corporation is proud of the men and women in uniform and appreciate their tremendous sacrifice for our country. The corporation wants to ensure that military Families have the support they deserve with their continuing education requirements. For further information, e-mail <code>LoriCaputo@eKnowledge.com</code>.

Urban Studies degree offered in Savannah

The city of Savannah was designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1966; in 1977, The American Society of Civil Engineers designated the city plan of Savannah as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. You can get your urban planning degree at Savannah State University, located in America's first planned city. For information about an Urban Studies and Planning degree or one with a concentration in Environment Health, call 912-356-2244 or go to www.savannahstate.edu/gradstudies.

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Marne tax centers now closed

Tax centers closed. Call 315-3675 for information at Hunter Army Airfield, or 767-1040 at Fort Stewart.

Direct Select OCS is available

Find out about the division commander's Direct Select Officer Candidate School option. The division commander will directly select 20 Soldiers to attend OCS. The Direct Select OCS option can help further your education and your service to our great nation as a commissioned officer. Contact your chain of command. Applications are due to G1, May 8. Learn more at *usmilitary.about.com/od/armytrng*.

90-day rule is back

The "90-day window rule" is coming back to the retention program. If a Soldier is within 90 days of leaving the service, he or she cannot re-enlist. Soldiers who want to re-enlist and are within the 90-day window have to submit a DA Form 4187 signed by their company commander and endorsed by their battalion commander. In the remarks block of the 4187, Soldiers must state why they waited to re-enlist.

Babysitting classes offered

The Stewart babysitting course is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 8-9 and June 22-23 at the Youth Center, building 7338. For more information, call 767-2312. There is no charge for the training. Upon completion of all required training, teens will receive a Red Cross first aid/infant and child CPR certification.

Weekend dining facility hours posted

The Fort Stewart Weekend dining facility for April 18-19 is Spartan Dining Facility, building 3003 and also the Raider Dining Facility, building 642. Fort Stewart dining facility weekend serving hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch, and 3:30-5:30 p.m. for supper.

The Hunter Army Airfield Weekend dining facility for April 18-19 is the Combat Aviation Brigade Dining Facility, building 1213. Hunter Army Airfield dining facility weekend serving hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch, and 3:30-5:00 p.m. for supper.

The Warrior Transition Battalion Dining Facility, building 12902/02, in the national guard training area, is open on weekends. The WTB serving hours are breakfast 8-9:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and dinner 5-6:30 p.m.

Op Purple camps now taking applications

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for Operation Purple summer camps. Each camp is open to children of any uniformed servicemember, active-duty or reserve component. Register online at http://www.nmfa.org.

Registration will be open until midnight (Eastern Standard Time) Monday. Priority is given to military children with a parent deployed or deploying anytime between September 2008 and December 2009 and have not had the opportunity to attend an Operation Purple camp in the past.

with William Barksdale Circle.

Ranger DFAC now open

The Ranger Dining Facility, building 110, is now open. Hours are 8-9:30 a.m. for breakfast; noon-1:30 p.m. for lunch; and 4:30-6 p.m. for dinner. Join the Rangers for Seafood Thursdays!

3rd ID Society Reunion slated

The 3rd Infantry Division Society and attached units in wars and in peactime will hold their 90th reunion, Sept. 16-20. The reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, Mo. 65804; (417) 883-6500. Room rates are \$84 per night plus tax. Includes a free breakfast.

Free airport transportation. For additional reunion information, contact Linda Irvine at (360) 663-2521, or e-mail to *info@thereunionbrat.com*.

Stewart-

Construction near Frank Cochran Drive

The parking lots at buildings 1137 and 1145 off of Frank Cochran Dr., are undergoing renovation until Friday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please be aware of flagmen and expect delays during construction. Parking in these areas will be limited and pedestrians must use designated paths as construction barricades will restrict access during renovation. For further information, call 767-2010.

Shoppette undergoes construction

Victory Shoppette is being renovated through June 30. The gas pumps will close tomorrow, and the store will close May 15 through June 25. For more information, call 876-8434.

Hunter -

Hunter road closure

Billy Mitchell Blvd. is closed for construction south of its southern most entrance to Tominac Fitness Center, to its intersection with Hickam Blvd. Billy Mitchell Blvd. is also closed at its intersection

Balfour Beatty Communities

Plant garden

Help make your community center beautiful by joining in the planting of the garden/flower beds at Fort Stewart, 3:30-4:30 p.m., today, at The Southern Oaks Community Center.

Take the Night

This ACS-sponsored event, scheduled for 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, is an international event with marches and rallies that signify a way to speak out against violence and raise community awareness as a preventive measure against future violence. Join us and ACS and take back the night in your neighborhood! The event begins at The Southern Oaks Community Center for Stewart residents. At Hunter, the event will begin at the BBC leasing office between New Gannan and Wilson Acres at 6 p.m., April 28.

Great MWR Yard Sale, just days away

Bob Mathews

FMWR Marketing Publicity Specialist

There may be some last-minute preparations – such as pricing or planning the best way to display items for sale – but buyers and sellers otherwise are ready for The Great MWR Yard Sale, scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

The day also will feature a FMWR-hosted sale of excess non-appropriated funds property at Building 1501, 912 Sigma St., during the same hours as the yard sale.

The weather promises to be cooperative. *AccuWeather.com* is calling for a "partly sunny and pleasant" day with a high around 75 degrees.

The yard sale will be held at the parking lots of Club Stewart, building 405,

and the Hunter Army Airfield Credit Union, building 1282. Sales also will be held by some residents of on-post housing at both Stewart and Hunter, and strip maps showing the location of those yard will be handed out at the gates.

A preview of the excess property sale items will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Soldiers, Family Members, and Department of Defense Civilians are invited to the preview. No purchases will

be allowed on that day. On Saturday, the doors will open at 8 a.m., when the items can be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on the yard sale, call 767-8238 at Stewart or 315-2019 at Hunter. For more information on the NAF Property Sale, call 767-5360.

Goodwill Industries will be on hand for donations from 2-5 p.m. at both parking lots.

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Hunter-Stewart: Practice patience while population increases

William C. North

Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

Get ready – Fort Stewart will be as busy as a beehive during the months of May and June while numerous military units take advantage of all of the training venues Fort Stewart has to offer.

The Third Infantry Division brigades and its subordinates are at home training for their next deployments. What you may not know is the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team from the Oregon National

Guard, with nearly 4,000 Soldiers, will also be on base during these months as well. Additionally, our usual National Guard customers from various states will be participating in their annual training and nearly all of our non-divisional units will also be training. So, how do we make all this happen without anyone running into each other? The answer can be found in very careful and meticulous planning.

Planners and trainers from the garrison, 3rd ID, and the 188th Training Brigade, who oversees the 41st IBCT training needs, have met on numerous occa-

sions to "de-conflict" everyone's training requirements. During these meetings, compromises and much "give and take" occurred in order to accommodate all concerned. The result is an extremely packed training schedule with no "wiggle room." All of the gunnery ranges will be occupied nearly 24 hours a day, seven days a week during this period of time. Nearly all of the small arms ranges will be shooting all day, every day. In addition, the majority of training areas will be occupied by units with vehicles who will be maneuvering and training.

How does all this affect you? The speed limits will be reduced on Georgia Highways 119 and 144, military traffic on those and other roads on Post will be heavier, and more Soldiers will be present at AAFES and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate venues. All this activity is in keeping with Fort Stewart's reputation as the Army's premier power projection platform. In summary, Fort Stewart will have a large Soldier population and will be very busy during May and June. So, please plan accordingly, please have patience, and above all, please be safe.

......Beware of wildlife while traveling on highways

Conservation Law Enforcement, Directorate of Emergency Services

As you may have noticed an increase of wildlife near the roads of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. It is that time of year when the vegetation on the roadsides starts to mature faster than in the deep woods. Deer, feral hogs and other wildlife take advantage of the easy foraging and will tend to gather on the roadways to feed.

The roads most affected by wildlife are Ga. Highways 119 and 144 on Fort Stewart and Perimeter Road on Hunter. However, wildlife is also found on several other right of way areas and tank trails. The increase in the number of wildlife poses new and unfamiliar driving challenges and hazards. Here are some tips to keep motorists safe and to protect our natural resources.

Driver Safety Tips:

- Stay alert. Avoid driving with other distractions.
- Slow down to increase your reaction time. Obey traffic signs, including wildlife warning and speed limit signs. Remember the posted speed limit refers to ideal road conditions.
 - · Scan ahead and watch for

movement along roadsides.

Vegetation and grass seed being dispersed to control erosion along roadways tends to attract wildlife.

Look for more animals after you see one animal - they often travel in groups. Be ready for animals to change direction.

- Don't litter it attracts animals such as wild hogs and coyotes.
- During breeding season (October-December), animals such as deer will often travel greater distances in search of a mate. This causes more deer to cross roadways without concern for vehicles.

At Night:

Watch for shining eyes.

• Use high beams to improve visibility when there's no on-coming traffic.

• Slow down on blind curves and pass with care.

If you are about to hit an animal and cannot stop in time, it may unfortunately be safer to hit the animal than to swerve. Swerving may land you in the path of another car or off the road in a ditch.

Pull over and call 911 or the local law enforcement office to report the accident.

If the animal is still on the roadway, emergency personnel can safely remove it. If the animal is still alive, it may be dangerous for you to leave your vehicle.

If your vehicle is unsafe to operate or you are injured, stay in your car and wait for help.

If you have questions, concerns or need further information, please contact the Directorate of Emergency Services Conservation Law Enforcement Branch at 912-435-8013 or 912-435-8021.

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Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of, **Sgt. 1st Class Randy S. Abrams,** Company A, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, contact 1st Lt. Robert Seale, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, at 912-312-4055.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Pfc. Jason A. Kouis**, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31313, contact 1st Lt. David Baez, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, at 912-767-7220 or 813-495-3141.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Adam S. Gage**, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 260th Quartermaster Bn., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, contact 2nd Lt. Scott Bata, 473rd QM Co., 260th QM Bn., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, phone 912-315-8060.

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week honors dispatchers

Directorate of Emergency Services

During the week of April 12 – 18 the telecommunicators at the Fort Stewart 911 Center will be celebrating National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The 911 Center on Fort Stewart is the primary dispatch center for the Military Police on Fort Stewart, along with Fire and Emergency Medical Dispatch for both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. It was first conceived by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County (Calif.) Sheriff's Office in 1981 and was observed only at that agency for three years. Members of the Virginia and North Carolina chapters of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials became involved in the mid-1980s. By the early 1990s, the national APCO organization convinced Congress of the need for a formal proclamation. Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) introduced what became H.J. Res. 284 to create "National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week."

According to Congressional procedure, it was introduced twice more in 1993 and 1994, and then became permanent, without the need for yearly introduction

The official name of the week when originally introduced in Congress in 1991 was "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week." In the intervening years, it has somehow become known by several other names, including "National Public-Safety Telecommunications Week" and "International Public Safety Telecommunicators Week." The Congressional resolution also stated there were more than "500,000 telecommunications specialists," although our estimate puts the number of dispatchers at just over 200,000. We suspect that the congressional figure includes support personnel and perhaps even those in the commercial sector of public safety communications.

The staff of the Fort Stewart 911 Center looks forward to giving continued quality service to the Soldiers, Families, and civilians of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Understanding Shaken Baby Syndrome

Maria Edwards, BSN, RN

Family Advocacy -New Parent Support Program, Army Community Service

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and it is important to know the facts about Shaken Baby Syndrome. Most victims of Shaken Baby Syndrome are less than one year old, with the majority being less than six months old, and the consequences can cause death or life-long disabilities.

Shaken Baby Syndrome is a form of abusive head trauma that occurs when an infant or young child is violently shaken. SBS is not caused by casual or accidental handling of children.; it is not caused by tossing a baby in the air, sudden stops in a car or driving over bumps; it is not caused by running, jogging or bicycling with a baby; it is not caused by bouncing a baby on your knee.

The violent shaking is most often caused by a frustrated caregiver who lashes out violently against a child. Inconsolable crying is most common trigger. Additional factors may include the caregiver's stress level, unrealistic expectations, inexperience in caring for a child and little understanding of infant crying. Any person who gets frustrated can shake a baby to death or life-long disability.

Understanding crying as a normal and healthy part of infancy can great-

ly reduce the stress in anyone who cares for a child. Dr. Ron Barr coined the acronym "PURPLE crying" to remind parents and caregivers that all babies at some time have inconsolable crying bouts.

Peaks around two months

Unpredictable, often happening for no apparent reason

Resistant to Soothing

Pain-like expression on baby's face

Long bouts, lasting 30 to 40 min

Evening crying is common

Check the infant's basic needs first: feed the baby, burp the baby, change

the diaper, make sure the baby isn't too hot or cold or sick, and make sure clothing isn't too tight. If you have done all these things and the baby continues to cry inconsolably, then put the baby in a safe environment and walk away, checking on your baby every 10-15 minutes. Neither you nor your baby is "bad" because he or she continues to cry. It is okay to walk away until you are able to cope with the child in a calm and rational manner.

If you have baby or toddler questions or would like more information on SBS, call the Army Community Service New Parent Support Program at 767-5058/5059 at Fort Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Free ACS events at Hunter, Stewart promote sexual assault Awareness

Army Community Services

Army Community Services promotes Sexual Assault Awareness and is sponsoring several free events on the installation. Adults are invited to attend a free showing of the movie "Open Window," starring Robin Tunney and Joel Edgerton as a newly-engaged couple who find their

world shattered by a random act of violence. The haunting drama also stars Cybill Shepherd, Elliott Gould and Scott Wilson as the parents who struggle in their individual ways to help their children. The movie, which is Rated R, will play at the Hunter Theater on Monday, and at Stewart's Woodruff Theater on April 29. Both

showings begin at 6 p.m.

Self-defense classes for female teens and women will be held from 6-9 p.m., April 27 at Stewart, and April 29 at Hunter. There is no need to pre-register; meet the instructor at the class location (Stewart teens at the Corkan Teen Center; 'Stewart women at Newman Gym, and both Hunter teens and

women at Tominac Fitness Center).

Also in support of Sexual Assault Awareness, wear jeans on "Denim Day" as a visible sign of protest against the myths that still surround sexual assault, 22 April at Stewart and 23 April at Hunter. Then, join in "Take Back The Night," a walk against violence scheduled

in conjunction with Denim Day, 22 April at Stewart's Southern Oaks Community Center and 23 April at New Gannam Community Center, both beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information, Please contact Army Community Services at 767-5058/5059 at Fort Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter Army Air Field.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment Course available this month

Education Center

Central Texas College will be conducting their first Prevention of Sexual Harassment course from 1:15-4 p.m., April 27, at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. The instructor, Jan Alexuk, has personally seen the Army's awareness of sexual harassment increase over the years. In addition to being a former Chaplain's assistant, she has worked as a victim's advocate at a rape crisis center for almost a year. Alerick is able to relate to this subject both on a personal as well as a professional level.

The one semester hour class will give both male and female students the opportunity to share their experience and knowledge and participate in various scenarios to determine the best way of handling various situations that may be encountered in the work environment. Activeduty Soldiers using tuition assistance must meet with an education counselor for a course override. The class is also open to civilians. For tuition and registration information, call the Fort Stewart Central Texas College at 876-4045 or 767-2070. Other one-semester-hour courses are taught both at Hunter and Fort Stewart. Visit your education center for the latest class schedules.



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3rd HBCT helps train 34th ID for deployment

Pvt. Erik S. Anderson 3HBCT Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. – In the shadow of Mt. Rainier at Fort Lewis, Wa., elements from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, spent three weeks performing deployment tasks in a simulation exercise.

The exercise, which focused on preparing the 34th Infantry Division, a Minnesota National Guard unit, for their upcoming deployment, had the 3rd HBCT acting as a brigade deployed to Irag.

Soldiers worked in 12-hour shifts performing tasks in support of the 34th ID's mission: to enable economic and government development throughout southern Iraq and assist in professionalizing the Iraqi security forces.

"What (the 3rd HBCT) has enabled us to do is more than we could accomplish with civilians or actors," said Maj. Gen. Richard Nash, commander, 34th ID, while speaking to an assembled group of 3rd HBCT Soldiers. "(They) have brought their experience with what they have accomplished on previous deployments and shared it with us, and we appreciate it."

For the Sledgehammer Soldiers, the exercise offered some excellent training opportunities.

"Right now the 34th ID is learning from us," said Col. Peter L. Jones, commander, 3rd HBCT. "The next time we see them, we will be learning from them."

Jones was referring to the 3rd Brigade's projected area of operation during their next deployment, in which they will be serving under the command of the 34th ID.

While supporting the 34th ID during this exercise, many Soldiers had a chance to sharpen their skills.

"This has been an excellent training experience, integrat-

ing to a higher headquarters in a deployment scenario," said Staff Sgt. Jeffery Roy, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd HBCT.

Roy said that the networks used by brigades and divisions can vary slightly, so the exercise was valuable to him and his team as data systems integrators.

Other experienced Sledgehammer Soldiers echoed Roy's comments.

"I haven't done any hard intelligence assessment since our last deployment, so this has been good to brush up on my baseline battle drills," said Spc. Nil Tongur, HHT, BSTB, 3rd HBCT.

For Soldiers that have never deployed, Tongur feels the training may have meant something different.

"This exercise is a great opportunity for newer Soldiers that haven't deployed yet to get



Pvt. Erik S. Anderson

Major Geneneral Richard Nash, commander, 34th ID, recognizes three Soldiers from the 3rd HBCT, who made significant contributions to the success of the 34th ID's pre-deployment training exercise at Fort Lewis, Wa.

some experience before our next deployment," she said.

The event was part of an ongoing training schedule for the Sledgehammer Brigade that includes Hammer Focus, a month-long field training exer-

cise held at Fort Benning, Ga,, and a trip to the National Training Center in California for final verification of warfighting readiness, all leading up to the brigade's deployment to Irag.

MARROW



Staff Sgt. Tanya Polk

Soldiers of the 3rd ID provide DNA specimens to the C. W. Bill Young DoD Marrow Donor Center April 7 in an effort to help save the life of a 3/7 Inf. Soldier recently diagnosed with leukemia.

"The process used to (require) a blood draw," said Capt. Jacob Turnquist, 4th IBCT surgeon, who joined the brigade's effort to save their Soldier. "(Medical professionals) have been able to simplify the marrow donation process now."

Turnquist said that though providing DNA specimens is an easy task, finding a closemarrow match is much more complicated.

"Unlike a blood transfusion, where you just match the blood type, this involves the entire blood system," Turnquist explained. "You need to be very genetically similar to the person that's in need of a transplant."

According to the DoD Bone Marrow Center's Web site,

www.dodmarrow.com, an individual inherits his or her HLA type the same way he or she inherits eye or hair color. Having a patient and donor of the same ethnicity will increase the chances of finding a suitable match.

"It's really important to have a large pool to draw from," Turnquist said.

Turnquist, whose medical background is in pediatrics, said he has worked with a number of children diagnosed with cancers that required a bone marrow transplant.

"I've seen a donor not be available to them, and (therefore) watched these children succumb to their disease," Turnquist said. "This (bone marrow drive) is one of those life-saving measures that are available out there. Even if they don't find a match for our Soldier, there may be a child or an adult out there who has a similar disorder and needs the same treatment who finds a match."

Soldiers said they hope the bone marrow drive helped positively identify a match for their comrade.

"When you deploy, you tend to think of all the possible bad things that can happen, but you don't actually think of something like this happening once you come home," Stewart said, adding that the Soldier in need of a bone marrow transplant recently returned from operations in Iraq. "(For) Soldiers to come out and help a fellow Soldier in this situation really

shows the camaraderie and the spirit of what being a Soldier is."

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"It just goes to show that the Army is more than just deploying, (redeploying) and training," Stewart continued. "The Army is a Family and we are here to take care of each other."

If you'd like to become a potential bone marrow donor or would like more information regarding the Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program, call 1-800-MAR-ROW-3 (627-7693) or log on to www.dodmarrow.com.

Editor's Note: The name of the 3/7 Inf. Soldier in need of a bone marrow transplant has been withheld at the request of the individual. Rock of the Marne

Fallen Raiders' Memorial receives donation from BAE



Photo by Pfc. Jared S. Eastman

Laura Rittenhouse receives a check from Mark T. Baker, Fort Stewart-Benning Site Manager for BAE Systems, for the Raider Brigade Fallen Soldiers' Memorial while Col. Roger Cloutier, 1st HBCT commander looks on, April 9.

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The Raider Brigade Fallen Soldiers' Memorial chairperson Laura Rittenhouse received a \$1,000 check from BAE Systems to be put toward the memorial at 1st Heavy Brigade Combat team Headquarters, April 9.

"The memorial is to represent the sacrifice of the ones we lost in 1st Brigade," said Rittenhouse. "Currently, we have about 57 Soldiers that we have lost and we want to represent those Families. The idea for the memorial came from Family Members wanting to have a place to remember their loved ones, whether it's 10 or 15 years from now."

The check was presented by Mark

T. Baker, Fort Stewart-Benning Site Manager,

The memorial team has more events planned for fundraising as well.

"We're going to be doing two golf scrambles in June," said Rittenhouse, "We are trying to make that another way for people to sponsor the memorial. The success of the memorial will only be possible if we have the support of people who can give."

The memorial is scheduled to be finished in August and cost \$100,000. Interested donors can contact the Raider Brigade Fallen Soldiers' Memorial at (845) 596-1331 or (912) 445-0186, and can also e-mail Laura Rittenhouse at laura.rittenhouse@us.army.mil.

NAMING

After all the intense training, and qualification standards were met, the battalion proudly named all 16 howitzer sections, four POCs and both RADAR sections. The weapons received Hawaiian names, observing the battalion's birthplace. For example, Bravo Battery, Section Five's weapon received the name of "Lomi," which translates to "Crusher."

After all section chiefs were given their weapon's names, Battle King Soldiers who distinguished themselves throughout training, inspections, and athletic competitions were presented with awards.

The Fort Stewart first runner-ups in the post basketball tournament, all 1/9 FA Soldiers, were awarded for their participation in the tournament and in turn, presented 1/9 FA commander, Lt. Col. Thomas M. Williams, with their competition trophy.

Forty 1/9 FA Soldiers received the Army Achievement Medal for meritorious service during the Battle King gunnery that took place in March.

Staff Sergeant Antonio Brime, Battery B, 1/9 FA, said that day was definitely one of honor and tradition.

"As section chief of my section, I felt proud to have our weapons named today," he said. "I think it was very motivating to the new

Soldiers, and it also gave them a sense how important it is to remember where our battalion actually originated."

The section chief also received an AAM for his dedication during training at the gunnery.

"I was kind of surprised when I received the award but definitely honored," Brime said. "I just tried to keep my Soldiers' morale up and be a good leader out there; you know, show them that training is to be taken serious and that it is very important."

Williams ended the ceremony by expressing appreciation and pride in his battalion for a job well done.



Photo by Pfc. Crystal Bradley

Staff Sergeant Antonio Brime, Battery B, 1/9 FA, stands at attention while 1/9 FA commander, Lt. Col. Thomas M. Williams, awards him with an Army Achievement Medal during the weapon-naming ceremony, April 9.

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Sledgehammer couple reenlists together

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Specialist Bradley Tollberg, a scout in the 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and his wife, Spc. Sadie Tollberg, the nuclear, biological and chemical clerk for Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, reenlisted together in front of the 3rd HBCT's Operation Iraqi Freedom Memorial on Fort Benning, April 9.

The couple extended their enlistment four more years and both received a signing bonus. In addition, both reenlisted for stabilization to stay at Fort Benning.

"The Army gives us both a steady paycheck and, with the economy going south, it was a good move for both of us," said Bradley Tollberg. "We both enjoy it here."

Sadie Tollberg agreed with her husband's assessment and is glad that they are staying with the 3rd HBCT.

"We are both progressing in our positions and getting the schools we want," she said.

"There was no need to go somewhere else and start over."

Master Sgt. Thomas Olsen, the career counselor for the 3rd HBCT, commended both Soldiers for deciding to stay with the brigade.

"I think it says a lot about both of them, and the brigade, that they reenlisted to stay with this unit," he said. "Knowing that the brigade will deploy again, they both chose not to go somewhere else. They have already made the ultimate commitment to each other; it is nice to see that it carried over to the brigade."

Olsen thinks that both Soldiers were wise to take the bonuses they received while they were still available.

"With the economy the way it is, I can guarantee that bonuses will not increase," he said. "I told them what I tell everyone who is considering reenlisting; get them while they are available. There is never a guarantee what is here today will be there tomorrow."



Photo by Spc. Ben Hutto

Sergeant First Class Timothy Biddle, the acting first sergeant of HHT, 3rd HBCT, praises Spc. Bradley Tollberg, a scout in 3/1 Cav., 3rd HBCT, before he and his wife Spc. Sadie Tollberg, the nuclear, biological and chemical clerk for HHT, BSTB, reenlist in a ceremony beside the 3rd HBCT's headquarters at Kelley Hill on Fort Benning, Ga.. April 9.

Fellowship offers financial accreditation to spouses

Lynda Purcell

Army Community Services, Marketing

Military spouses can apply until April 30 to the competitive FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship Program, one of many efforts launched by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation to increase the financial knowledge of Soldiers and their Families. The program will provide fellowship recipients with the education necessary to earn an Accredited Financial Counselor designation and to provide financial counseling and education within the military community.

The program, which began in 2006, is administered in partnership with the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education and the National

Military Family Association. The fellowship covers the costs associated with completing the AFC training and testing

"This program fills a need on two fronts: providing more trained financial counselors who understand and can help address the unique needs of military Families, while also helping military spouses foster their own careers and job marketability," said John Gannon, president of the FINRA Foundation, the largest foundation in the United States dedicated to educating and protecting investors. "In light of the current challenges facing our economy, the FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship Program has never been more important in our efforts to serve military Families"

Recipients of the FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship must commit not only to completing the courses of study, but to working or volunteering in the financial counseling field, serving the military for up to two years. To date, fellowship recipients have volunteered more than 100,000 hours toward completing the program's requirements.

Many military employers, such as credit unions, financial aid offices and community service centers, need well-trained financial counselors to meet the increasing demand for financial counseling services—from budgeting and credit management to financially preparing Families for PCS moves and deployments. With this training, military spouses can apply their own experiences and help more military Families while

building a rewarding career that is flexible and can conform to the demands of the military Family lifestyle.

The program is open to spouses of active-duty or retired Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Army or Air National Guard or reserve component servicemembers, as well as spouses of U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration professionals.

More information is available at *www. SaveAndInvest.org*. Applications are available at *www.nmfa.org* and are due by April 30. For more information, visit *www.SaveAndInvest.org* or contact your local Army Community Service office by calling 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Scholarship registration open for Military spouses, children

Education Center

The ThanksUSA Scholarship Program plans to award 500 scholarships for \$3,000 each this year. Only the first 10,000 applications received will be processed. All Family Members, age 24 and under (as of the May 15 application deadline), and all spouses of active-duty U.S. military service personnel are eligible to apply.

Applicants must plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, vocational school or technical school, for undergraduate degrees only. They must also have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent on their relevant academic record.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of financial need, academic record and demonstrated

leadership, participation in school and community activities, and a goal statement. Preference will be given to children or spouses of service personnel killed or injured during active duty.

For information about ThanksUSA's Scholarship Program and to download the guidelines and application, go to *www.thanksusa.org/main/scholarships.html*. The application deadline is May 15.

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Sustainment Bde Soldiers volunteer at local schools

Spc. Dustin Gautney 2nd HBCT Public Affairs

The room once filled with the sound of children's laughter as they played around pint-sized desks and chairs suddenly fell to a hush as all eyes and ears focused on the single voice of a Soldier reading stories of wonderment and imagination to the children as part of Read Across Liberty Day, April 9.

Four Soldiers from 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, volunteered their time to read to students from the First Presbyterian Christian Academy as part of Read Across Liberty Day, a day dedicated to reading education and awareness sponsored by Liberty Kiwanis Club of Liberty County and the Rotary Club of Hinesville.

"Reading is important no matter what," said

Suzanne Swindell, a FPCA kindergarten teacher. "It's important in all vocations; it's good to see (the Soldiers) out doing these things."

The Soldiers who read to the students used the opportunity to show a side of the Army that is not always seen.

"I think it's important (the students) see that we do other things besides what's on TV, where they see the guys shooting guns," said Spc. Shafon Griggs, 3rd Sustainment Brigade. "I think it's important that everybody understands that we are more than (just) the shooting."

Students from the school were happy to hear the stories from the Soldiers.

"I like (the stories)," said FPCA kindergartener Alexis Rice. "I really liked it because it was fun."

To celebrate Read Across Liberty day, Soldiers from 3rd ID also read to students schools throughout Liberty County.





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Sergeant Pascaoe Pierre, 3rd Sustainment Bde., shows illustrations to children at First Presbyterian Christian Academy as part of Read Across Liberty Day, April 9. The day was dedicated to reading education and awareness.

LEFT: Casey Rearly and Kendall Anderson, 7, rest their heads on their desks as they wait to hear what happens next as Sgt. Pascaoe Pierre, 3rd Sustainment Bde., reads the children's storybook, "I'm Bored," by Liz Pichon during Read Across Liberty Day at First Presbyterian Christian Academy, April 9.

STUDENTS



Photo by Spc. Ben Hutto

dents into columns and marched them down Marne Ave. to the 3rd HBCT's dining facility. "They called cadence well," said Holmes.

Before lunch, Holmes lined all of the stu-

"Some of them sound off better than our Soldiers. They need a little work on their marching, but I think they got the hang of it."

During lunch, Command Sgt. Maj. James Pearson, 3rd HBCT senior enlisted advisor, and Lt. Col. William L. Marks II, commander of the 203rd BSB, spoke to the students and thanked them for coming.

"This is our third year visiting Fort Benning and we always have a great time," said Susey Pitts, a teacher at Brookstone. "This was the most organized trip we've had. I think it's great that the Soldiers took the time to sit

down and eat with the kids."

Pitts said that the trip was a good opportunity for her students to interact with the Soldiers of Fort Benning.

"Growing up here, everyone knows about Fort Benning, but trips like this allow our students to actually see and interact with the Soldiers," she said.

Holmes said the students' trip gave him and the Soldiers of the 203rd BSB a chance to give back to the citizens of Columbus.

"This is one of the best ways I know to give back to the community," he said. "Down range, we received a lot of care packages from the schools in this area and they go a long way in increasing Soldiers' morale. This is a good way for children to be introduced to the military."

Specialist Kenneth Taylor, a cook in 203rd BSTB, HHC, 3rd HBCT, serves a second grader from Brookstone Secondary School during her class field trip to Kelley Hill, Fort Benning, Ga., April 3.

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Looking through the glass case of Medal of Honor artifacts at the Fort Stewart Museum, Master Chief Chres Ladd read about the history of the men who displayed heroism amidst adversity, April 8.

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"The tanks are just really cool," said Fort Stewart Museum, where the win-Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan Renfro. "When I climbed inside one of them and saw how confined the inside of it was, I looked at the submarines we use in a whole different light. I used to think they were small but now I see that Soldiers have even less space to move around in," he added.

The visit continued with a trip to



Specalist Nathan Cetnar and Private David Gates demonstrate the speed and precision needed to operate M10-64 A3 Mortar Carrier at 3/7 Cav.'s motor pool to Sailors from USS Georgia April 8.

ner of 2nd HBCT's Best Officer Competition, 2nd Lt. Robert Brooks, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3/7 Cav., gave the Sailors a tour and also briefed them on 3rd ID's extensive history.

"I remember watching Sadaam Hussein's regime crumble to the ground on television," said Renfro. "When I saw that pieces of his statue and his weapons were here, that was totally amazing."

Chaplain (Capt.) Hal Barker, 3/7 Cav. chaplain, and his assistant, Sgt. Douglas Johnson, led the Sailors down Warriors Walk, a memorial site for all Marne Soldiers who have given their lives in combat during the Iraqi wars.

Johnson told very detailed stories of some of the fallen Soldiers whom he worked closely with.

"I got here early, around 9 a.m., because I wanted to recollect all the memories I had with these Soldiers so I could fully give the Sailors an understanding of what Warriors Walk truly represents," said Johnson. "I let them know that I held a lot of these Soldiers' hands as they slipped away and died."

The Sailors walked through the memorial site and were truly moved, according to Petty Officer 2nd Class William Akin, USS Georgia.

"I think that pretty much all of us were moved by Warriors Walk," he said. "The reason for this site says a lot about this post and the Army; you all [Fort Stewart] truly never forget



Lieutenant Cris Victor, Communicator from USS Georgia tries on Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Parson's full Marne Standard at 3/7 Cav. headquarters, as his fellow Sailors cheer him on April 8.

and appreciate the sacrifice made by the Soldiers honored at the site," said Akin.

The 3/7 Cav. Soldiers gave Sailors an even better glimpse into a Soldiers' duties and roles when they visited the Electronic Simulated Training and the Red Cloud Range complex. Sailors practiced firing the simulated weapons at the EST, and got up-close views of the Bradley being fired out at the open ranges.

"Getting to ride in the Bradley while they were live-firing was definitely awesome, but I thought the simulated system was phenomenal," said Akin. "Being able to track a shooter that close is amazing; coaching an inexperienced shooter into an expert rifleman should be a very easy task with this system."

The Soldiers and Sailors ended their day with time to reflect and mingle amongst themselves over refreshments at 3/7 Cav. headquar-

Lindner said he was happy to see the day end successfully.

"Events like this exemplify the fact that while professional rivalry is healthy, it is one team, one fight at all times. To be able to see what your brother and sister services bring to the table is vital."